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Lovestone as

(CIA) Arm' in Labor

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AN EXPOSURE of Jay Lovestone, director of the AFL-CIO's Department of International Affairs, as the CIA's "labor arm," appeared recently in a series of four long articles in the Washington Post.

The articles that ran daily starting with the Dec. 30 issue, was the first such full-blown disclosure in a daily paper of the work of this shadowy man who is George Meany's "secretary of state" and adviser on anti-Communist affairs. Hitherto, Lovestone's 30-year career as "Labor's Cold Warrior" — the title of the series — was followed mostly in The Worker and Marxist literature.

Only on rare occasions have some writers let go bits of information of this man who made a profession of hitching the trade unions to the kite of the most rabid coldwarriors. And most did so to praise his value for anti-Communist espionage.

Why the Washington Post ran the series is not clear. We are told by the staff writer of the series, Dan Kurzman, that Lovestone's big influence on labor's foreign policy and in other areas of State Department affairs, makes an analysis of his work and views important.

But who was at the other end of the pipeline that fed the material to the Post? Surely it wasn't any of Meany's people. We can only guess in the light of the dozens of places where he has a good word for the policies and activities of Walter Reuther and his men in the field of foreign relations, as he mercilessly exposes the cloak and dagger overseas operations under Lovestone financed by more than $2 million of AFL-CIO money annually.

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The Post is certainly not a foe of U.S. foreign policy. It is one of the country's most influential papers in support of that policy. The Kurzman series compiles much evidence confirming the continued sharp division in the AFL-CIO on international affairs notwithstanding the recent narrowing of the gap between the Reuther and the Meany-Dubinsky-Lovestone group over Vietnam policy.

"Lovestone is, in fact, Meany's